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SUBJ: INQUIRY ON IMPORTATION OF WEAPONS FOR GUN COLLECTORS TO SWITZERLAND

REF: A) BERN 4435; B) STATE 260346

1. EMBASSY APPROACHED BY MR ROBERT M FURTER, ENGELGASSE 22, 4052 BASEL, SWITZERLAND, CONCERNING IMPORTATION OF FOUR AUTOMATIC WEAPONS TO SWITZERLAND. FURTER IS LAWYER REPRESENTING SEVERAL SWISS GUN COLLECTORS IN IMPORTING THREE THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS, MODEL 1921/28, AND ONE SMITH AND WESSON MODEL M76 SUBMACHINE GUN FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT ORDNANCE CO., MERRILL LYNCH BUILDING, 255 E. HANCOCK AV., ATHENS, GA. ACCORDING FURTER, ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED END 1975 - EARLY 1976, BUT HE THUS FAR UNABLE SECURE APPROVAL FROM US GOVT THIS TRANSACTION.

2. DEPT WILL RECALL PREVIOUS CASE HANDLED FOR SWISS COLLECTORS BY FURTER (REFTELS) IN WHICH FURTER IMPORTED TWELVE THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS PURCHASED FROM NUMRICH ARMS CORP. TO SWITZERLAND ON BEHALF SWISS GUN COLLECTORS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY BY TELEGRAM OF CURRENT STATUS THIS CASE.

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